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Washington Post.

Item: A colored man plunged in the river to save two drowning children. He was a good swimmer, had rescued the girl & with one hand was holding her above the water when the struggling boy clamped his arms & drew him down. The three went under. "An eye witness.

## Sterling Pathorn.

Who cares what was his color!  
What matters what was theirs,  
A cry from helpless innocence  
Stirs hidden human fires.  
He sees and heeds distress signs,  
He recks not self nor cost.  
One desperate throw - he makes it,  
And who shall say he lost.  
God give us back our pity  
Smash frankensteins of pride  
Put once more in our midst a Child  
The least of these, our guide.

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